The Germans delivered a number of counter strokes, but all except one broke down. In one attack the Germans penetrated the forward British positions, but the line was immediately

British troops have now drawn their French Advance lines closer about the coal centre of

The British line northeast of Nieppe. in the Lys salient, was advanced dur ing the night, and the British positions Ploegsteert region were improved. Kemmel is under fire from the

North of La Basec the Germans evidently are trying out the British strength. They have made three attacks on the British posts and each time were repulsed with heavy losses. the literal sense of the word,

flames one of two enemy two-seaters, a British scout had 'engine failure which compelled him to spin down. As the machine touched the ground, a German fired his pistol at the pilot from fifteen yards, puncturing the gascelene tank. At that moment the engine picked up sufficiently to carry the pilot to the rear of the enemy lines, where he was forced to come down again. Being under a heavy fire, he removed the gunlocks and sights and all his instruments before abandoning his machine, which could not be saved.

Wounded Observer Bags Two Wounded Observer Bags Two

A pilet and observer, returning in their machine from a bombing raid, fell behind their formation because of engine trouble and were attacked by Fokkers. The elevator controls were immediately shot away and the observer was badly wounded. But he continued to fight and shot down one Fokker in flames and saw another crash out of control.

By this time all the gasolene tanks had been shot through and the engine hit in several places. All the instruments on the dashboard were smashed by enemy bullets. Both rear guns were jammed, and the observer was bleeding badly. The pilot succeeded in getting his machine into a dive and A pilot and observer, returning in

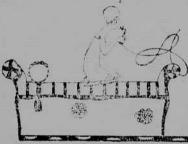
getting his machine into a dive and went through a cloud and reached the British lines. The gallant observer was found to have been wounded ten times during the fight.

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ster tacks as the count British victorily in making the secent British victories possible. One British scout sailed pened on the British front has happened and finished off two German sentry planes, then fired on the sausage.

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concrete machine gun nests in considerable numbers.

Rain Fails to Stop British

The continued downpour of a cold fall rain has thoroughly drenched the battlefield, but notwithstanding this slight line-straightening gains have again been made by the British in the was been was been to consider and considerable and the pilet was wounded in the leg. The fuseling burst into flames, but the observer kept the fire under centrel from a great altitude with a small extinguisher until again been made by the British in the machine was brought to earth, where it blazed up, the observer rescu again been made by the British in the face of increased enemy resistance, where it blazed up, the observer rescuing the wounded pilot just in time to save his life.

Night Bombers Shot Down

The line northeast and southeast of Hesbecourt, cast of Roisel, has been advanced by Australian treops in a driving storm, in the same general locality the British forward movement continues to-day.

The Germans seem to have thrown in more machine gunners here, and as they came from fresh divisions they are holding out a little better than the troops they relieved.

There is an increasing number of cases in which British pilots have at tacked enemy night beams. In every case reported the enemy has been shed down numbers of the first three provided the enemy has been shed down in searchlight beams. In every case reported the enemy has been shed down lines, the pilot was wounded badly but the observer from the rear seal leaned over and with his left he first erea some lines, the pilots have at tacked enemy night beams. In every case reported the enemy has been shed down lines, the pilot was wounded badly but the observer from the rear seal leaned over and with his left he first erea seal to back, while with his left he first erea seal to be a seal of the case in which British pilots have at tacked enemy night beams. In every case reported the enemy has been shed down leaned over and with his left he first erea seal to be a seal of the case in which British pilots have at tacked enemy night beams. In every case reported the enemy has been shed down leaned over and with his left he first erea seal to be a seal of the case in which British pilots have at tacked enemy night beams. In every case reported the enemy has been shed down leaned over and with his left he first erea seal to be a seal of the case in which British pilots have at tacked enemy night beams. In every case reported the enemy high thembers caught acked enemy night beams. In every case reported the enemy high thembers caught acked enemy night beams. In every case reported the enemy high thembers caught acked enemy night beams. In every case reported the enemy high thembers caught acked enemy night beams. In every case reported the enemy high thembers

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Menace Bastions Of German Line

FRANCE, Monday, Sept. 9. French troops forced the crossing of the Crozat Canal to-day, overcoming strong oppo sition and occupying important post tions in the triangle formed by the two branches of the canal and the read from La Fère to St. Quentin. They The British front is now liquid in the Liez Fort and north of the Somme Amazing feats by British airmon capturing Etreillers and Roupy during the recent fighting may now be mentioned. After driving down in they tightened the lines around both flames one of two enemy two-senters, tating future operations against both

> town. The occupation of Fort Lies the entire country around La Fere, but

Haig, commander in chief of the British forces in France, has issued the

during the fight.

There are many stories, too, of how British airmen swooped back and forth over the German batteries, playing their guns on the enemy until these guns were completely silenced. One turn. In that short space of time by the pulsed two enemy counter attacks in course were completely silenced. One turn. In that short space of time by a sport winds up by saying that a scout series of brilliant and skilfully exercial times later, but was not fired upon, cuted actions we have repeatedly deall the gunners apparently having been feated the same German armies whose

planes, then fired on the sausage, which was being hauled down, and wound up the performance by dropping two homes satarable on the winch used in lowering the halloon.

There are many in lances where the

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"We have passed through many dark days together. Please God these will never return. The enemy has now spent his effort and we rely confidently upon each one of you to turn to full advantage the opportunity your skill, courage and resolution have created."

Germans in Fear of

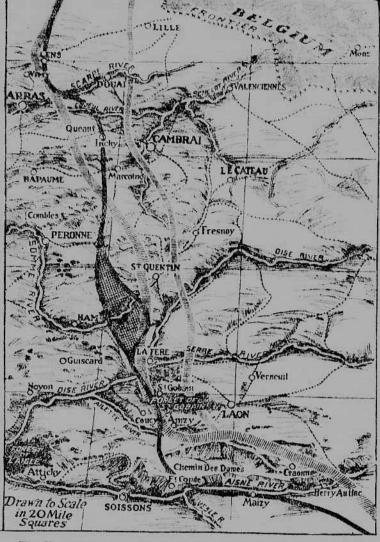
Germans in Fear of American Negroes

(By The Associated Press)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 9 (delayed).-The enemy heavily shelled towns in the Woevre sector behind our lines this

encounter took place, the enemy retiring with one wounded man. Negro troops have occupied one Vosges village in which French civilians were being held prisoner. The Frenchmen on coming through to the American lines declared that the Germans were considerably excited at finding themselves opposed by negroes, of whom they are said to be afraid because of reports that the American colored troopers cut off the cars of their prisoners. The negro soldiers in this sector recently had an example of German treachery when a German patrol attacked after

shouting "Kamerad." They are now thoroughly determined

Gallinger's Successor Arrives WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Senator leading sept. 10. Senator living W. Drew, of New Hampshire, arrived here to-day to assume his duties as successor to the late Senator Gallinger. He was received by Senator Lodge, minority leader, and will be sworn in when the Senator venes to-morrow morning. THE NEXT LINE OF DEFENCE



The French advance that penetrated the Hindenburg line yesterday w St. Quentin is indicated by criss-cross shading.

With the crumbling of the Hindenburg line, shown as a wide shaded strip, the Germans are reported withdrawing to a prepared secondary command all of the approaches to St. line of defence, in the region of the narrow shaded line,

The Official Statements

! Between the Ailette and the Aisne the

artillery fighting increased toward

Violent and repeated enemy attacks

lasting until evening broke down,

Brandenburg grenadiers especially

rivers we repulsed French advances.

There were successful enterprises of

our own to the east of Rheims, to

the south of Parroy and on the

BELGIAN

HAVRE, Sept. 8. Our troops en larged on their successes obtained on August 28 on both sides of the Steenstracte-Dixmude road on a front of

about 2,000 metres, and penetrated

the first enemy lines to a depth of

one kilometre, which we maintained.

detachments penetrated by a sur-

prise attack into the first position of

the enemy on a front of 3,500 metres

to an average depth of from five to

six hundred metres, which were con-

hands very advantageous positions.

Scandia's Kings to

These new successes bring into

commenting on the forthcoming

annual conference at Copenhagen

of the kings of Scandinavian

countries, say the monarchs may

reize the opportunity of taking

steps of international importance.

penhagen on September 8 said it

had learned that there would be a

meeting of King Christian of Den-

mark, King Haakon of Norway

and King Gustave of Sweden this

The "National Tidende" of Co-

solidated.

To the southwest of St. Julien our

stinguished themselves in defence, Between the Aisne and the Vesle

afternoon to great strength.

FRENCH

PARIS (NIGHT) .- Further prog strong enemy resistance. We have counter attack from Essigny.

North of the Aisne we repulsed everal counter attacks in the Laf-

PARIS (DAY) To the east of the Crozat Canal French troops capt-

the region of Nanteuil-la-Fosse.

Enemy raids in the Argonne and in the Vosges were checked and the raiders driven back PARIS (NIGHT), Sept. 9. New

progress was realized to-day by our troops at various points on the bat-North of the Somme we captured

the villages of Etreillers and Roupy. Beyond the Crozat Canal we have taken Scracourt-le-Grand, Clastres, Mentescourt-Lizerolles and Remigny. Our advance elements occupied Hill 103, south of Contescourt Station Essigny-le-Grand and Hill 117.

North of the Oise we took the rt of Liez, the wood northwest of the Canlers Farm and the Rouge

South of the Oise we have taken Briquettay and the Servais Station. Elsewhere we improved our positions orth of Laffaux, and also between the Aisne and the Vesle in the region

BRITISH

LONDON (NIGHT). There was local fighting in the Epchy and Gonzeaucourt sectors, in which we secured prisoners.

On the Lys front our patrols have made slight progress northeast of Neuve Chapelle and west of Armen-

Stormy weather continues.

LONDON (DAY). Yesterday evening the enemy launched a second counter attack against the positions gained by us during the morning west of Gouzeaucourt. He was completely repulsed. Our line has been advanced during the night south of Havrincourt.

Progress was made by us northeast of Neuve Chapelle and west and north of Armentières.

GERMAN

BERLIN (NIGHT) .- Renewed British attacks south of the Peronne-Cambrai road and French partial attacks on both sides of the Ham-St. Quentin road have been repulsed. There have been local engagements on the Ailette.

BERLIN (DAY). - During partial attacks made by the enemy north of Merckem and northeast of Ypres minor trench sections remained in

On both sides of the Peronne-Cambrai road the English continued their attack. The main thrust was directed against Gouzeaucourt and Epehy. The enemy was repulsed. Fresh enemy attacks delivered in

the evening from Havrincourt Wood and south of the Peronne-Cambrai road also failed. There was partial fighting in Holnon Wood and on the Ham-St.

Quentin road. Our advanced troops, which were withdrawn Sunday night from the Crozat Canal, were in touch yesterday with weak enemy reconnoitring detachments west of the Essigny. Vendeuil line.

There were partial fights south of the River Oise. North of the Ailette River there was artillers activity.

Foe Building 3 New Lines For Defence

Hindenburg Position Being Quentin and La Fère as easily as Supported by Strongholds East of Frontier

By Arthur S. Draper

och, none knows where the next blow they will have a rest after the bewil-

he placed Foch in July, and it is not an enviable plight. The initiative has all the German communications le passed completely to the French leader tween those two cilies and he aione will decide the course of

undoubtedly will offer stronger re-

Behind the Hindenburg line run at detion. The collapse of the Hinden- Fere by moving south. lines runs parallel to the Hindenburg and Monday. He had hardly time to day morning the French reached line for three to six miles to the east, settle in them overnight before he Gibercourt, one mile east of Montes Valenciennes and Givet, and a third spite of his efforts La Fère is about in the direction of Hinacourt, a half through Bricy, Conflans and Jerny.

but they are unlikely to fight unless up toward Guise, possibly attemptthey are assured that their defensive ing to hold another temporary line two miles north-northwest of La had ceased to be anything but a they have to pay.

forces, with the hope of recuperating during the winter. It will be noted that the Germans are recovering from bad attack of rattles, and are now looking into the future with a bit more than the future

The degree of success attending Fech's next effort will exert a moral influence almost as important as the extent of his military gains. If Foch lands a blow which will send the enemy crashing down to defeat at the break of winter, he will have attained a moral victory profoundly affecting the length of the war.

The degree of success attending for the Somme River and the Crozat ling said last week, according to Amsterdam dispatches, that the beaten German armies would be related behind the Oise. Evidents of winter, he will have attained a moral victory profoundly affecting the length of the war.

offensive-defensive to a straight offen-sive. In the last twenty-four hours there has been heavy fighting around Gouzezourt, where the Germans made a second counter attack. The British advanced south of Havrincourt, while the French have taken Gibercourt and Hinaccurt and reached the outskirts of

Germans Force Sick Men Into Trenches

(By The Associated Press)
ITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN Act on World Problems FRANCE, Sept. 10. A German soldier, captured with others in a trench south NODON, Sept. 10.—Newspa- of the Aisue, was found to be suffer-pers in Germany, according from a diseased condition of the ear and anemia. He told the American medical efficers that he had been forced to do front line duty notwithstanding his condition. Until a few weeks ago he had been employed in a non-combatant position, owing to his affliction, but a recent order had caused him to be sent to do duty on the Western front. to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company,

The prisoner said that he was in the first line in Flanders and arrived opposite the Americans five days ago. He knew of cases where Germans, not sick enough to go to hospitals, were being used in the supply and other departments back of the lines, and declared that in a number of instances soldiers suffering from serious illness had been sent to the front lines, as he had been.

had been.
This prisoner is now in an American hospital, and may have to undergo an operation for abscess.

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Military Comment

By William L. McPherson HE Hindenburg line is again proving its sieve-like qualthe Canadians and British went

Ludendorff has not yet begun to check the Allied advance. Ife hasn't the strength in hand to check it LONDON, Sept. 10. The third battle He has found no security behind of the Somme is over. A new phase of the old Hindenburg positions. In the 1918 campaign has been reached the last forty-eight hours the French First and Second armies have will fall. The Germans behind the driven through and over the bugbear Hindenburg line cannot tell whether barrier of 1917 as if it were a piece dering developments of the last month of stage scenery. They have pierced or whether other heavy fighting will be virtually through the Hindenburg zone on a front half way down from Ludendorff is in the position in which St. Quentin to La Fère, and have cut

on the present battlefront Ludendorn then turns east to La Fère. The west of Roupy; Grand Seracourt, on French are now well to the east of the east side of the Somme and the sistance than he did on the plains of the railroad. They have crossed the Crozat Canal, five miles south-south-Picardy. But if he fails to hold the more westerly highroad connecting west of St. Quentin; Clastres, six Allies there he will retire upon his these two German bases, and are miles southwest of St. Quentin and practically up to the more easterly just west of the St. Quentin-La Fère highroad connecting them. They are railroad; Montescourt - Lizerolles, east two and probably three systems in a position to envelop St. Quentin southeast of Clastres and east of the defence in various stages of com- by moving north and to envelop La railroad; Remigny, one and one-half

Ludendorff arrived in the old erolles and two miles east of the thdrawal. One of these defence Hindenburg positions on Sunday railroad. Monday night and yester low St. Gobain. Another runs through received his notice to move on. In court-Lizerolles, and made progress to be encircled. So is St. Quentin, mile further east and about a mile The Germans do not intend to evacu- Abandoning them, he will have to west of the westerly St. Quentin-La ate any territory until compelled to, retire beyond the Oise from La Fère Fère highway. Further south Humtacties will exact a heavier tell than stretching from Cambrai south- Fère. southeast across the upper One to Ludendorff is fighting to conserve his the eastern edge of the St. Gebain region was pulpy. La Fère is re- last night reported a further ad

on actes of Pattles, and are now took ing into the future with a bit more confidence, some even with arrogance. They are ignoring the costliness of their retreat and the loss of territory, and are boasting, with considerable justification, of the skilfulness of their withdrawal under difficult conditions.

The degree of success attending the Somme River and the Crozat line said last week according to Appear to the confidence. newspapers until yesterday afternoon. Ludendorff is fighting with the Oise Oise and close to the more easterly It reported a wide sweep forward Eiver at his back-a dangerous situs highway, down the Oise Valley, on the La Fère-St. Quentin front, ation for a defence which is uncer- which connects St. Quentin and the Semme River and the Crozat ling said last week, according to Apparently the German retire

Somme and three and one-half miles apprehension that St. Quentin and readjustment radically affecting all southwest of St. Quentin; Etreillers, La Fère had already become unten- the sectors from Pouai down to one and three-quarter miles north- able and that the Hindenburg line Rheims.

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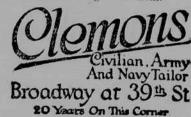
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